

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

1. On page 1, after the title and before the heading TECHNICAL FIELD, please insert the following:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELEVANT APPLICATIONS

This Application is a U.S. National Stage Application of International Patent Application No. PCT/JP2004/007593, filed on May 26, 2004.

2. On page 7, third paragraph, please replace the paragraph with the following marked-up paragraph:

The charged fine particulate water may contain acidic active species in addition to the radicals. In this case, it is possible to more effectively deodorize typical bad-odor components, i.e., alkaline odor components such as amine compounds. The kind of the acidic active ~~spiee~~ species is not limited. For example, since nitrogen oxides or organic acids are generated by use of nitrogen and carbon dioxide in the air, the charged fine particulate water containing the acidic active species can be stably obtained without adding the raw material therefore.

3. On page 15, paragraph following the heading INDUSTRIAL APPLICABILITY, please replace the paragraph with the following marked-up paragraph:

As ~~describe~~ described above, since the charged fine particulate water contains the radicals and have a nanometer particle size, it exhibits a remarkably-improved diffusion property into a space, as compared with the conventional charged fine particulate water having a micrometer particle size. Therefore, the charged fine particulate water can come in a very narrow
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space, so that the radicals effectively decomposes/deodorize the bad-odor components, and inactivate bacteria, mold funguses, viruses and allergens such as pollen.